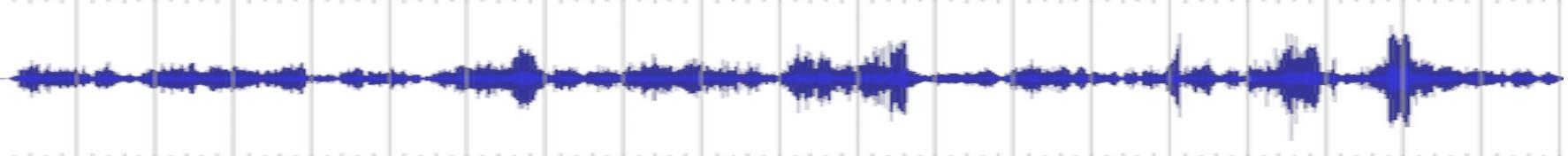


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Sonatina

For String Quartet

(2019)



COMPOSITIONAL NOTES

Sonatina makes use of the “branching rondo” device that I first explored in *Sublime* (for piano and percussion), and that takes inspiration from *Life after Life*, a novel by Kate Atkinson. The idea is to have a musical narrative that is interrupted by a recognizable motive. The narrative is restarted somewhere before the interruption, branches off in a different direction, and is eventually interrupted again by the motive. Eventually the motive can develop, or merge with one of the branches in the narrative, or disappear.

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Pizzicato can be played in the ordinary way or with vibrato. Ordinary pizzicato is notated by *pizz.* or *pizz.ord.*, vibrato pizzicato is indicated by *pizz.vibrato*.

All accidentals apply only at the given octave.

Duration: 5'10"

COMPOSER'S NOTE

Sonatina is a short piece for String Quartet written for non-professional players (advanced-intermediate to advanced). It avoids flowering virtuosity to concentrate on rhythmic variety and dynamic variation. The piece does not have any particular programmatic content, although the recurrent, relatively ominous, theme, first heard at the beginning, shadows the otherwise lighthearted material until it lures it into a short-lived peak that dissolves into a nervous ending. The work was commissioned by the Left Coast Chamber Ensemble's 2020 INTERSECTION program.

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Sonatina for String Quartet

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$\text{♩} = 72$

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Cello

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

8 10 15

$\text{♩} = 92$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

17 A 20

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

24 25

30 pizz.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

35 arco

40

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

d = 72

f

ff

sffz

sffz

sffz

sffz

B

d = 92

p foreground

pp flautando

pp flautando

This musical score excerpt for strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) spans measures 40 to 45. The key signature changes from B-flat major (measures 40-41) to A major (measures 42-45). Measure 40 starts with eighth-note pairs in Vln. I and Vln. II. Measure 41 begins with eighth-note pairs followed by sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 42-45 feature rhythmic patterns of eighth and sixteenth notes. Measure 42 includes dynamic markings *f*, *ff*, and *sffz*. Measure 43 includes *sffz*. Measure 44 includes *sffz*. Measure 45 includes *sffz*. Measure 46 begins with *p* (piano) and *foreground* instruction. Measures 47-48 show *pp flautando* (pianissimo flute-like) dynamics. Measures 49-50 also show *pp flautando*.

47

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

50

Musical score for strings (Vln. I, Vln. II, Vla., Vc.) showing measures 51-55. The score includes dynamic markings (mf, ppp), performance instructions (ord.), and slurs. Measure 51: Vln. I plays eighth-note pairs. Measure 52: Vln. I continues eighth-note pairs. Measure 53: Vln. I starts sixteenth-note patterns. Measures 54-55: Vln. I has sixteenth-note patterns with grace notes. Vln. II enters with eighth-note pairs in measure 51. Measures 52-53: Vln. II continues eighth-note pairs. Measures 54-55: Vln. II has sixteenth-note patterns. Vla. enters with eighth-note pairs in measure 51. Measures 52-53: Vla. continues eighth-note pairs. Measures 54-55: Vla. has sixteenth-note patterns. Vc. enters with eighth-note pairs in measure 51. Measures 52-53: Vc. continues eighth-note pairs. Measures 54-55: Vc. has sixteenth-note patterns.

C

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

D

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

E

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.

F

Più veloce $\text{♩} = 104$

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

85 90 95 100

pizz.
ppp pizz. vibrato
f **mf**
p

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

95 100

p arco
pizz. vibrato pizz. ord.
p pizz. ord.
p

G

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

104 105 110

mf
mf
mp arco
mf
mf

H

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

113 115 117 119 121 123 125 127 129 131 133 135 137 139 141 143 145 147 149 151 153 155 157 159 161 163 165 167 169 171 173 175 177 179 181 183 185 187 189 191 193 195 197 199 201 203 205 207 209 211 213 215 217 219 221 223 225 227 229 231 233 235 237 239 241 243 245 247 249 251 253 255 257 259 261 263 265 267 269 271 273 275 277 279 281 283 285 287 289 291 293 295 297 299 301 303 305 307 309 311 313 315 317 319 321 323 325 327 329 331 333 335 337 339 341 343 345 347 349 351 353 355 357 359 361 363 365 367 369 371 373 375 377 379 381 383 385 387 389 391 393 395 397 399 401 403 405 407 409 411 413 415 417 419 421 423 425 427 429 431 433 435 437 439 441 443 445 447 449 451 453 455 457 459 461 463 465 467 469 471 473 475 477 479 481 483 485 487 489 491 493 495 497 499 501 503 505 507 509 511 513 515 517 519 521 523 525 527 529 531 533 535 537 539 541 543 545 547 549 551 553 555 557 559 561 563 565 567 569 571 573 575 577 579 581 583 585 587 589 591 593 595 597 599 601 603 605 607 609 611 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120

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

125

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

I

p
ord.

130

131

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

135

136

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

J

ff

ff

ff

ff

arco

140

Vln. I *sempre ff*

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

145

148

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

150

149

155

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

K

160

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

L

senza rallentare
fino alla fine

166

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

170

p

mf

pp

mf

pp

pp

172

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

175

p

mf

pp

p

mf

pp

p

mf

pp